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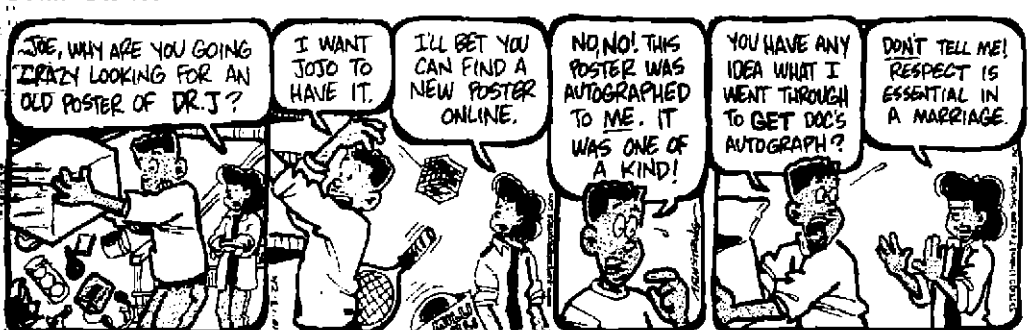
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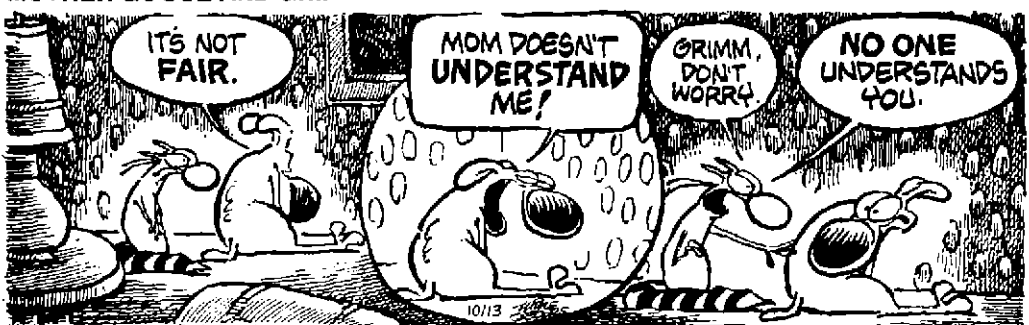
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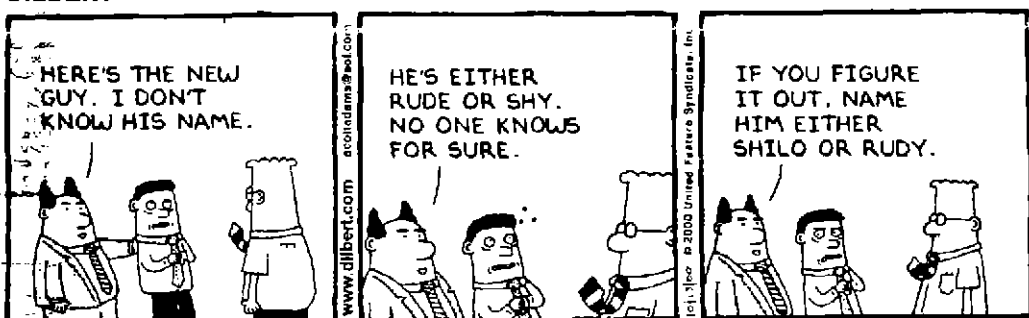
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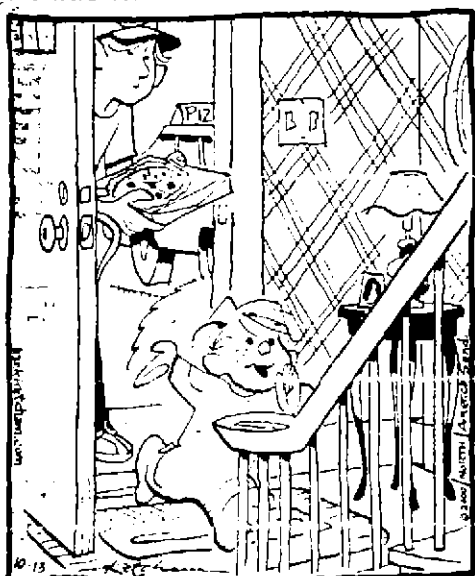
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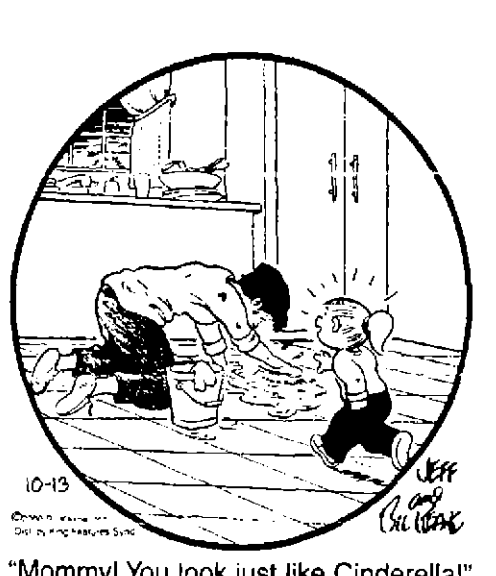
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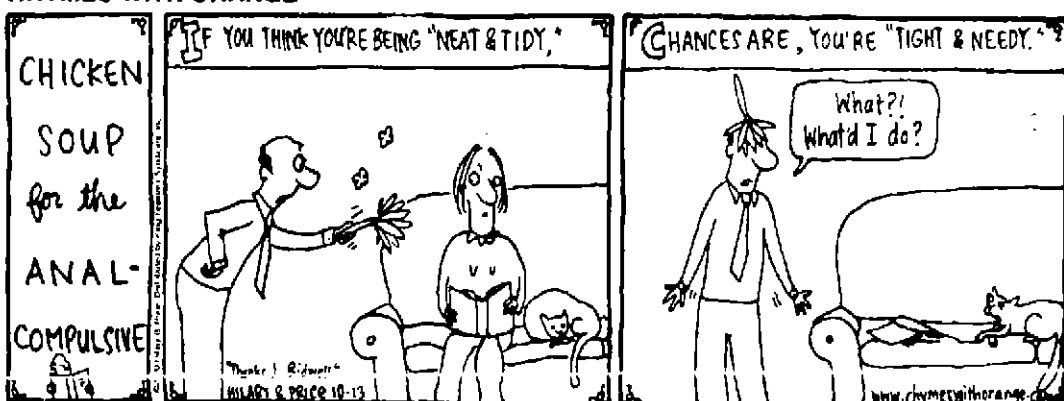
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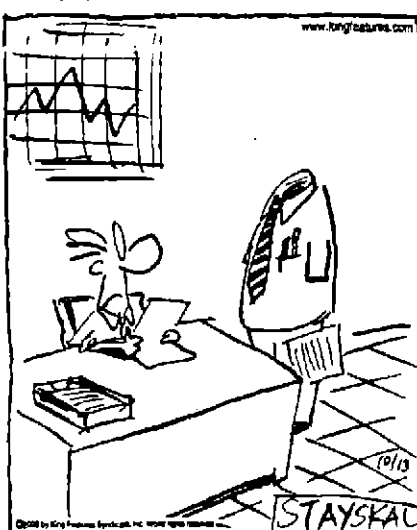
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Editorial cartoonist Herb Block is 91. Comedian Nipsey Russell is 76. Playwright Frank D. Gilroy is 75. Actor Cliff Gorman is 64. Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 62. Actress Melinda Dillon is 61. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 59. Actress Pamela Tittin is 58. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 56. Actor Demond Wilson is 54. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 54.

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PAR SCORE 80-90 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-13-00 © 2000, Union Features Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

TOES

E O T R E M M A H M J H F C A
Y O W U R P N P E L J H F D
B Z T X V T R Q O O N L M E E
P K O D I H F D T O I T T O O
B A E C N A D E O T L O Z T T
T I C K T A C K T O E B E Y P E
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Q O A N O L E E A K T O I T T
H F C D C T A I E Z E L X W S
V U K S O R L Q H H O D O N I
M K J E G N I R E O T G I B M

Thursday's unlisted clue: KOUFAX
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: KISS UNDER THIS

Big toe	Little toe	Toe dance	Toecap
Hammer toe	Tick-tack-toe	Toe loop	Toehold
Head to toe	Tip toe	Toe ring	Toenail
Heel-and-toe	Toe crack	Toe the line	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't look now, but your ship might be about to come in.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're exuding excitement, satisfaction and joy right now, and everybody wants a piece of you.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Serious speed bumps appear in your path, so take the hint and slow down.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Life is a joy ride today, and you're at the wheel.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Compromising might be difficult at first, but you'll find that flexibility is your most useful asset.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Energy is coursing through your veins, and you're ready to make use of it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Remember that Libras are supposed to share, even if they're not in the mood!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your battles are best fought with compromise and openness, especially in relationships.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's time to sweat the small stuff.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your fun meter is off the scale. Go do whatever your heart desires most.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's one of those days. You might find yourself compelled to communicate with family members.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you've been waiting for the right time to talk to someone, this is your chance.

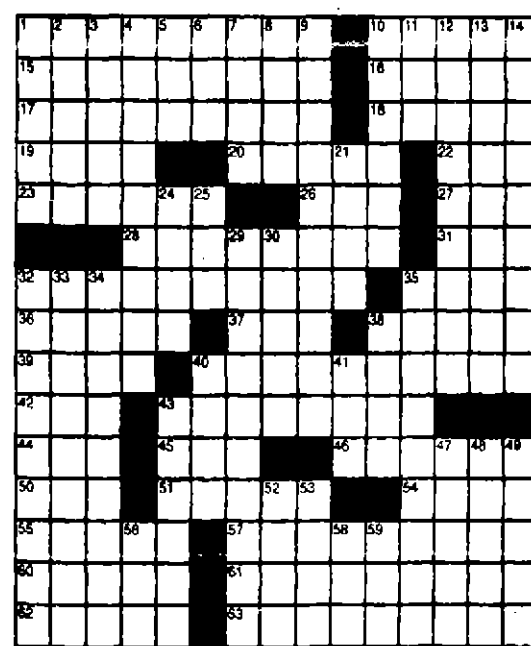
ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his spade jack to South's king, East signaling encouragement with his eight. With neither time nor resources to test other suits, it was imperative for South to collect four club winners. How should he play the suit? Typically, a carefree South would go for the probable 3-2 break (approximately 68 percent). In today's layout, clubs are 4-1, and the odds-on play loses the game. How did today's South improve his chances? At trick two, he led his club 10 instead of a low one. Holding the J-9-8-2, West could not resist the temptation to cover, and dummy's ace dropped East's queen. South continued with a low club to his seven to force West's eight, and a later finesse against West's nine brought home four club winners and the game. Was it wrong for West to cover the 10? Yes, because it was East who had the singleton queen. Was South's play of the 10 correct? Yes, it was. Since any lead wins when clubs are 3-2, South's lead of the 10 also wins against 4-1 breaks when East has a singleton eight or nine. West is forced to cover the 10; after dummy wins, a low club to South's seven allows South to win four club tricks.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0901



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- ACROSS**
- Reviewed
 - Colorful squawker
 - Where the Wildcats play
 - Building material
 - Like some immunological agents
 - Join security
 - Pour
 - Cordwood measure
 - He was well-preserved
 - 1941 Oscar-winner Crisp
 - Oil source
 - First N.L.'er to hit 500 homers
 - Late risers
 - Mysterious visitor
 - Like some decisions
 - Interest, slangily
 - Free from limits
 - Great leveler
 - Allotment
 - Like some decisions
 - On the same page, so to speak
 - Pro
 - Ready to deliver?
 - Abbr. on a gauge
 - Follower of "Rocky" or "Superman"
 - Unfair hiring
 - Invoice amount
 - Cause of some stomachaches
 - It may be skipped
 - Napoleons' relatives
 - Alienates
 - At attention
 - Protect from bugs
 - Wave catcher?
 - It helps you take off the top

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RADAR ACDC PAWS
IRENE SLOE ETAL
DESIGN SIGN RASA
LEFTISTPARTY
OIEGO IRONIES
BADRECEPTION
AMT DIVA PUREE
BOOS ENS MOMA
ANTIS IRIS MIR
MEDICINEBALL
ASSURES CAINE
NUCLEARBLAST
ELTA RARE OTTER
SLOT MEAN NEWLY
TYNE ELMO SNAKE

- DOWN**
- Place for a ribbon
 - Total
 - Author Sinclair
 - Painful piercing
 - Hardly a nymph
 - he drove out of sight
 - Wolves' creations
 - Graduation mark
 - Beltwether
 - Reading buddies?
 - Cooler cooler
 - Like some seats
 - One-eighty
 - Retired
 - Was contingent (on)
 - Favor one side?

- Opus (work of God)
- Protection from bugs
- Swindle
- More than want
- Half a noted comedy duo
- Played tag, e.g.
- Mixer
- Striking sound
- Of the flock
- Frank's third
- Misinformation
- Buffalo Bill, e.g.
- Avalanche
- Nicholas who wrote "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution"
- Isabel Allende's "Eva"
- Smooth
- Big initials in cable
- Kind of mil. club
- Eat

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